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TAGS: GATT, ETRD

SUBJECT: SWISS RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF BOTTLED RED WINE

1. WE INFORMED BY SWISS MISSION THAT SWITZERLAND WILL ANNOUNCE TOMORROW, OCT 22, ACTIVATION IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON BOTTLED RED WINE. SWISS SAY TARIFF IS BOUND BUT CLAIM BINDING CONTAINS CONDITIONAL NOTE ALLOWING THEM TO IMPOSE FOLLOWING RESTRICTION. CURRENT BINDING IS SPECIFIC DUTY OF ONE FRANC PER KILO; ADDITIONAL DUTY OF .5 FRANCS PER KILO WILL BE IMPOSED FROM 1 NOVEMBER ON ALL IMPORTS IN EXCESS OF 1971-75 AVERAGE ANNUAL TRADE. THERE WILL BE DUAL SYSTEM OF TARIFF QUOTAS: ONE CATEGORY FOR PRINCIPAL SUPPLIERS AND WE PARATE GLOBAL CATEGORY FOR OTHERS. SWISS DECLINED APPLY TERMINOLOGY OF "TARIFF QUOTA" TO THIS ACTION, AND DO NOT INTEND INVOKE ANY PARTICULAR ARTICLE OF THE GATT.

2. SWISS INDICATED THAT ITALY, FRANCE, SPAIN WILL BE MOST AFFECTED, ALTHOUGH THEY EVADED OUR QUESTION ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SORT OF REACTION THEY EXPECT FROM THESE SUPPLIERS. SWISS

NOTED THAT U.S. SALES SHOULD BE LITTLE AFFECTED, AS  
MEASURE WILL HAVE GREATEST IMPACT ON LOWER PRICED IMPORTS.  
RECOMMEND WE LET EC AND SPAIN LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN  
INTERESTS.CATTO

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